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Governor Announces Appointments to Commissions and Boards

Topeka – Kansas Governor Sam Brownback today announced recent appointments to boards and commissions.

“Kansas is blessed with citizens willing to serve their communities. I appreciate the willingness of these Kansans to share their time and talents to make our great state even better,” Governor Brownback said.

The governor’s office is always looking for qualified, interested Kansans to serve the state on commissions and boards in their areas of expertise. If you are interested in serving on a commission or board, please visit <http://governor.ks.gov/serving-kansans/office-of-appointments>.

Kansas Turnpike Authority

Kansas Turnpike Authority makes repairs and upgrades on a consistent basis in order to keep the roadway in a sound and safe condition. Those investments are funded through tolls and proceeds from revenue bond issues. The Kansas Turnpike Authority acts through a board of five members, one of whom is elected chairman by the other members. Two members are appointed by the Governor of Kansas for four-year terms, two members serve by reason of their legislative positions - one is Chairman of the Kansas Senate Committee on Transportation and the other is a member of the House Transportation Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House. The fifth member is the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation. The latter three serve as members of the Authority for the duration of their state terms.

- David Lindstrom, Leawood, is a former Johnson County Board of County Commissioners and is a member of DML Properties LLC. The former Kansas City Chiefs defensive end majored in education and graduated from Boston University in 1976. After his football career, Lindstrom was a registered NASD Broker and commercial real estate associate in Kansas City. He then spent more than 20 years as a franchisee of four Burger King Restaurants in the Kansas City area. Mr. Lindstrom is appointed to a four-year term.

Kansas Credit Union Council

The Kansas Credit Union Council is a seven-member advisory council appointed by the Governor and advises the Kansas Department of Credit Unions on issues and needs of credit unions.

- Larry Damm, Wichita, is the president/CEO of Cessna Employees Credit Union, a position he has held since 1998. He earned his bachelor of Business Administration in Business and Accounting and Master of Science in Accounting from Wichita State University. Damm is appointed to a three-year term.

Kansas Dental Board

The Kansas Dental Board was created to carry out and enforce the Kansas Dental Practices Act. The Board consists of nine members: six licensed and qualified resident dentists (one from each congressional district and two at-large), two licensed and qualified resident dental hygienists, and one representative from the general public. Members of the Board are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms and serve until their successors are appointed.

- Dr. Jarrod Jones, Hays, is co-owner and dentist at Cedar Lodge Dental Group, LLC. After graduating from Kansas State University in 1998, Dr. Jones earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Texas-Dental Branch in Houston, TX in 2003. He is appointed to a four-year term.
- Donna Thomas, D.D.S., M.S., Mission Hills, has been a board certified pediatric dentist since 1994. Dr. Thomas practices in Leawood, KS and Lees Summit and North Kansas City, MO and serves as an assistant professor at the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, UMKC. She earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Missouri-KC as well as a Master of Science in Pediatrics and completed a graduate pediatric dental residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Dr. Thomas is appointed to fill an unexpired term.

Kansas State Fair Board

The Kansas State Fair Board is a 13 member board appointed by the Governor that acts as the showcase of Kansas agriculture, commerce and industry. It provides education, entertainment and presents a comprehensive format that satisfies the needs and desires of people from all walks of Kansas life.

- Brad Rayl, Hutchinson, is the treasurer for Fee Insurance Group, Inc. He graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science. Rayl has served on the Kansas State Fair Board since 1995. He is appointed to a three-year term.
- Monica Lair, Piqua, is a farm manager assistant with Greg Lair Farms and Piqua Petro, Inc. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Kansas State University. Lair is appointed to a three-year term.

Central Kansas Library System

The Central Kansas Library System supports library services in 17 counties: Barton, Cloud, Ellis, Ellsworth, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne, Ottawa Pawnee, Phillips, Republic, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, and Smith counties. The mission of the Central Kansas Library System is to help member libraries give their patrons what they want by extending library service to the unserved and improving library service where it already exists. The CKLS board consists of 54 members appointed by the boards of local public libraries and 16 members appointed by the governor from the rural areas of the counties that levy the system tax.

- Cynthia Lohrey, McCracken, earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Kansas State University and a Master of Science in Elementary Education from Fort Hays State University. She is a working partner with Lohrey-Pfeiffer Farms and elementary and middle school teacher. Lohrey is appointed to a two-year term.

Kansas Board of Barbering

The mission of the Kansas Board of Barbering is to eliminate all acts performed by barbers which may harm or cause injury to the public; to ensure that only qualified and well-trained barbers and barber instructors are licensed; to ensure that all shops, salons, and barber colleges are properly licensed for operation; and to provide information to barbers concerning all technical, medical, and scientific data which may enhance the protection of the public.

- Matt Hickham, Topeka, is the president of Hickam Public Affairs, Inc. He also served five years as Kansas Long-Term Care Ombudsman and as a Legislative Assistant for U.S. Senator Bob Dole. Hickham earned his Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Kansas. He is appointed to a three-year term.

Kansas Volunteer Commission

Appointed by the governor, Kansas Volunteer Commission members come from all over the state and represent a variety of organizations, communities and values. They oversee and direct the work of KVC staff to develop and fund service programs in Kansas and help connect Kansans with volunteer and service opportunities. Members serve for a term of three years and commit to six bimonthly meetings held throughout the state.

- Jeffrey Locke, Arma, is a visual art instructor and has served on the Arma City Council. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Master of Arts from Pittsburg State University. Locke is appointed to a three-year term.

Kansas-Colorado Arkansas River Compact Commission

The Kansas-Oklahoma Arkansas River Compact Commission is comprised of seven members: three commissioners representing Kansas, three commissioners representing Oklahoma, and one commissioner representing the United States. The commission monitors the streamflow and water quality at several locations within the Arkansas River Basin, and tabulates the new conservation storage that has been constructed in the various sub basins of the Arkansas River.

- Hal Scheuerman, Deerfield, is an Owner/Operator of a farming operation in Kearny County. Scheuerman also is a field assistant for Farm Service Agency, Kearny County and a certified federal crop adjuster. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Mechanization from Kansas State University. Scheuerman is appointed to a full an unexpired term.

Kansas Water Authority

The Kansas Water Authority consists of appointments made by the Governor and Legislative leadership as well as agency directors who serve because of their positions and is within and a part of the Kansas Water Office. It is responsible for advising the Governor, the Legislature, and the Director of the Kansas Water Office on water policy issues and for approving the Kansas Water Plan and revisions thereto, federal contracts, administration regulations, and legislation proposed by the Kansas Water Office.

- Brad Loveless, Lyndon, has been the director of Biology and Conservation Programs at Westar Energy since 1998. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Zoology from Ohio State University and a Master of Science in Biology from the University of Kansas. Loveless is appointed to a four-year term.

Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing provides advocacy, information and referral, sign language interpreter registration, coordination of interpreting services, and the Kansas Quality Assurance Screening for certification of sign language interpreters. The Board consists of 17 members, 12 of which are appointed by the Governor to serve three-year terms.

- Kami Albers-Poell, Manhattan, is currently with NE Kansas Facial Plastic and ENT. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Fort Hays State University and her Master of Health Science Degree as a Physician Assistant from the University of Oklahoma. Albers-Poell is appointed to a three-year term.

Kansas State Rehabilitation Council

The Kansas Rehabilitation Council works in partnership with Kansans with disabilities to achieve their goals for employment and independence.

- Christian Zuercher, Newton, is the Director of Vocational Services at Prairie View, Inc. Zuercher has more than 17 years of experience in vocational rehabilitation services and earned a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Emporia State University. He is appointed to a three-year term.

911 Coordinating Council

The 911 Coordinating Council will monitor the delivery of 911 services in our state, develop strategies for future enhancements to the 911 system and distribute grant funds to public safety answering points.

- Michael Leiker, Hays, has been the Information Technology Director for Ellis County since 1998. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Communications from Fort Hays State University and National Certified Government Chief Information Officer, UNC School of Government. Leiker is appointed to fill an unexpired term.

Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities

The purpose of the Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities (KCDD) is to support people of all ages with developmental disabilities so they have the opportunity to make choices regarding both their participation in society, and their quality of life.

- Renee Gurney, Leawood, serves as a municipal judge for the City of Leawood as well as the city prosecutor for the cities of Westwood and Mission Woods. Gurney earned a Bachelor of Arts from American University and a J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law. She is appointed to a two-year term.

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